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The following information is approved for public distribution, any and all events are open to the public. Please scroll through this message for a detailed summary of items described. Contact information for each item is provided.

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*"Many Lands, Many People, Many Faiths...One Arizona"*

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## 1. Economic Stimulus Payments - \$600/Individuals or \$1200/married couple

Starting in May, economic stimulus payments of up to \$600 for individuals (\$1,200 for married couples) will be issued by the IRS based on 2007 tax returns.

Parents also get \$300 for each eligible child.

PEOPLE MUST FILE A 2007 TAX RETURN.

Millions of people are eligible but may not know it. These are certain retirees, disabled vets and low-wage workers who normally don't file a tax return. This year, they must file to receive the payments.

People who have at least \$3,000 from wages or certain benefits from Social Security, Railroad Retirement and Veterans Affairs may be eligible.

Please, visit [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov) for details.

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## **2. Your children may be eligible for free or low-cost health insurance!**

You work hard to provide for your children and want to make sure they grow up strong, smart and healthy. But like many parents whose children don't have health insurance, you worry about taking care of them.

Now, you may have one less thing to worry about. Your state, and every state in the nation, has a health insurance program for infants, children and teens. The insurance is available to children in working families.

For little or no cost, this insurance pays for: doctor visits, prescription medicines, hospitalizations, and much more. Kids that do not currently have health insurance are likely to be eligible, even if you are working. The states have different eligibility rules, but in most states, uninsured children 18 years old and younger, whose families earn up to \$34,100 a year (for a family of four) are eligible.

To learn more, go to <http://www.insurekidsnow.gov/states.asp> or make a free call to 1-877-KIDS-NOW for more information.

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## **3. Earth Hour – March 29, 2008**

"Earth Hour" is a worldwide effort to turn off lights for one hour this Saturday, March 29th from 8-9 p.m.

The City of Phoenix is joining more than two dozen cities around the world including Atlanta, Chicago and San Francisco that will encourage businesses and residents to turn off their non-essential, non-emergency lights to demonstrate concern about climate change. It is sponsored by the National Wildlife Fund. Phoenix area partners include the City of Phoenix, Arizona Public Service (APS), Salt River Project (SRP) and Downtown Phoenix Partnership along with many other businesses and organizations.

For more information visit <http://www.earthhourus.org/phoenix.php>.

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## **4. Spring 2008 Civil Rights Forum**

Presented by: Center for Community Development and Civil Rights, Arizona State University

Keynote speaker: Juan Williams, NPR senior correspondent, award winning journalist, and Fox News analyst

Date: April 4, 2008

Time: 11:30AM-2:00PM

Location: ASU Downtown Phoenix Campus - 411 N Central Avenue in the Main Lobby

RSVP: [RSVPYes@CivilRightsForum.net](mailto:RSVPYes@CivilRightsForum.net)

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## **5. Roger Willie Charity Golf Tournament – April 4, 2008**

Friday April 4, 2008

Registration: 6:30 a.m. SHOT GUN SHOT: 8:00 a.m.

OMNI TUCSON NATIONAL GOLF RESORT AND SPA

2727 W. Club Dr. Tucson, AZ 85742

Registration is \$200.00 per person

Hole Sponsorship is \$250.00 (\$205.00 is tax deductible)

Contest: 1st Place Team, 2nd Place Team, 3rd Team, Longest Drive (Male and Female), Closest to the Pin (Male and Female), and Par 3 Poker

Luncheon and Awards afterward

All proceeds go towards the Native Nations Institute / Roger Willie NATION BUILDING Endowment Fund, which provides support for scholarships, executive education and public policy research.

For more information Contact NNI at (520) 626-0664, FAX (520) 626-3664, Email: [nni@email.arizona.edu](mailto:nni@email.arizona.edu), Website: <http://nni.arizona.edu>

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## **6. Fourth Annual Native American Family Wellness Day**

Date: April 5, 2008

Time: 7:00 am – 6:00 pm

Location: El Pueblo Regional Park & Recreation Center in the Activity Center at 101 W Irvington, Tucson, AZ

Cost: Free

Activities: Interactive workshops, health screenings, food demonstrations, arts & craft booths, fun children activities, and Mary Kim Titla (San Carlos Apache), Publisher of Native Youth Magazine and former TV news reporter is the featured keynote speaker at 2:00 pm. Food vendors will be on-site.

For questions or vendor information, contact Phyllis Spears at (520) 295-2544 or [Phyllis.spears@ihs.gov](mailto:Phyllis.spears@ihs.gov)

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## **7. Many Faces of Hate Film Series - April 16, 2008**

The ITVS Community Cinema, Anti-Defamation League & Scottsdale Community College present

“A Dream in Doubt”

When You Look Like America's Enemy, is the Dream Worth the Price? It was the first hate-based murder in the wake of September 11, 2001—one of thousands of reported and unreported hate crimes in the years that followed. The victim: a turbaned Sikh man in Mesa, Arizona, where his family had sought religious freedom, searching for the American Dream. Meet a family still determined to believe in that dream, even as the nightmare continues for many religious and ethnic minorities in a climate of xenophobia and fear.

Moderators for the evening:

Bill Straus – ADL Arizona Regional Director

Tami Yeager - Filmmaker

Rana Sodhi – Movie Star

Rick Romley – Former Maricopa County Attorney

Wednesday, April 16th, 2008

6:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Scottsdale Community College

Performing Arts Center

9000 E. Chaparral –Park in lot B

Free to the Public

A Dream In Doubt Will Air Nationally on The Emmy Award-Winning PBS Series Independent Lens on May 20, 2008 at 10 pm. [www.pbs.org/independentlens/dreamindoubt](http://www.pbs.org/independentlens/dreamindoubt)

If you have any questions, please contact Jennifer Twitchell at 602-274-6833

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## **8. Webcast: Stop Bullying Now!**

Hosted by HRSA and [www.MCHCOM.com](http://www.MCHCOM.com)

Date: April 16, 2008

Time: 1:30 pm – 3:00 pm EDT

About: This webcast will feature "spotlight examples" of state- and community-level campaigns that use the Stop Bullying Now! resources, and will outline how you can put the resources to work locally. The webcast will also include a brief overview of the entire Stop Bullying Now! Campaign and its resources.

Presenters: CAPT Stephanie Bryn, MPH – U.S. Dept of Health & Human Services, Health Resources & Services Administration and Dr. Susan Limber – Institute on Family and Neighborhood Life Clemson University

To register online, please go to <http://www.mchcom.com/liveWebcastDetail.asp?leid=329>

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## **9. Recapturing Our Image Through The Black Media - April 17th, 2008**

Presented by: The Arizona Commission on African American Affairs and Southminster Presbyterian Church

Thursday, April 17th, 2008

Time: 12:00 noon to 2 pm

Southminster Presbyterian Church

1923 E. Broadway, Phoenix AZ

602-363-1677

Lunch provided: RSVP Only. Seating limited to 150.

Subject: Empowering the Black Community through the local African American Media.

Panel (to date): The Arizona Informant newspaper, The Ebony Cactus/NxT Horizon magazines, The Arizona Black Pages, the Write Up Newspaper and Phoenixsoul.com, AzNoir, Tama Broadcasting.

The African American community has significant resources yet many in the community don't know about them. Concurrently, the community's achievements are largely invisible to itself and to the larger society. This allows negative stereotypes to be manipulated and untruths to be perpetuated. These conditions are hurting the Black community, preventing members from accessing needed services and from creating positive collaborations with the larger society including the winning of contracts, the achievement of elected office and the continuation of social/economic programs beneficial to all Americans. This forum addresses the challenges of how to reconnect the African American community with its assets and how to recapture its image through the Black media.

RSVP by April 14th, 2008 to [rsvp@southminpc.org](mailto:rsvp@southminpc.org) For more information, please call 602-363-1677.

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## **10. 2008 Intertribal Circle of Caring and Sharing Training Conference**

Dates: June 10-12, 2008

Location: Prescott Resort and Casino, Prescott, Arizona

Goal: The goal of this conference is to bring together early childcare providers, head start teachers, parents, program administrators and support staff to increase knowledge and skills to help build strong Indian children and families in our communities.

Registration: Online registration will be available at [www.itcaonline.com](http://www.itcaonline.com)

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## **11. EEOC Technical Assistance Seminar - June 20, 2008**

COME TO THE SOURCE for solutions to your EEO challenges. Join us for this seminar on the latest developments in EEO law, workplace best practices and Commission policies.

Friday, June 20, 2008

8:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Check-in begins 7:15

Desert Willow Conference Center

4340 East Cotton Center Blvd.

Phoenix, AZ. 85040

Fee: \$335 includes full day program, a seven-volume Resource Guide on CD, special handouts designed for this seminar, lunch and coffee breaks. PAYMENT MUST ACCOMPANY REGISTRATION. A \$36 discount is available when payment is made online by credit card or when registration is received postmarked 30 days before the seminar and paid by check or credit card. Payments by government purchase order are not eligible for the discounted price.

To Register and view the agenda, please visit:

<http://www.eetraining.eeoc.gov/profile/web/index.cfm?PKwebID=0x5663c15f>

If you have any questions about the seminar program, please contact Krista Watson at 602.640.4995 (TTY# 602.640.5072). Email [kristawatson@eeoc.gov](mailto:kristawatson@eeoc.gov) or fax your questions to 602.640.5071.

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## **12. Diversity Summer Internship – Application Deadline April 4, 2008**

Join the team that helps ensure health care security for millions of Americans. The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) works in partnership with the entire health care community to improve quality and efficiency in an evolving health care system and provides leadership in the broader health care marketplace. A career with CMS offers the opportunity to get involved on important national health care issues and be part of a dynamic, fast-paced, and highly visible organization.

CMS announces a 12-week Diversity Summer Internship Program for college and university students. CMS is the Federal agency that administers the Medicare, Medicaid, and State Children's Health Insurance Programs. The purpose of the Diversity Summer Internship Program is to enhance students' knowledge about CMS programs, mission, vision and goals. Additionally, the program seeks to familiarize participants about Federal, State, and local health care programs serving underserved and uninsured populations.

Dates of Employment - Students may begin the program as early as May 12, 2008. The date the student begins the program will determine when the 12 week appointment ends. All appointments must be completed by September 12, 2008.

Eligibility and Application Process - In order to qualify, students MUST meet one of the following requirements: student of Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) descent or a student attending a Hispanic Serving Institution or of Hispanic descent or a student attending a Historically Black College and University (HBCUs), or a Tribal College and University (TCUs)

Only applications from students who are U.S. citizens will be accepted for this program. All applicants must have a GPA of 3.0 and a minimum of 60 undergraduate credits as of May 16, 2008. Students who should apply are majoring in areas related to: Health Care, Administration, Information Technology, Social Sciences, Policy or Science. Applicants must also be currently enrolled in school for the fall 2008 semester to qualify.

There is no formal application; however, a student's package must contain a detailed resume (including social security number, date of birth and citizenship) and an unofficial transcript. Students are strongly encouraged to complete the Department of Health & Human Services Applicant Background Survey ([http://www.cdc.gov/hrmo/OMB\\_form.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/hrmo/OMB_form.htm)) and submit it with their application package. Students must also indicate the date they will be available to begin the program and geographical preference, if selected. The requested materials must be emailed as attachments to Marla Lazarus at [Marla.Lazarus@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:Marla.Lazarus@cms.hhs.gov) with a subject line of "Diversity Summer Internship Program." To be considered for the program, applications must be received by Friday, April 4, 2008.

### **Salary and Place of Employment**

The salary is approximately \$13-\$15 per hour for a 40-hour workweek, but will vary with different levels of education. This amount will also vary in some areas according to the locality pay for specific regions. Interns are responsible for their own living arrangements and transportation costs. Employment opportunities are available at CMS sites in Boston, Massachusetts; New York City, New York; Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Atlanta, Georgia; Chicago, Illinois; Dallas, Texas; Kansas City, Missouri; Denver, Colorado; San Francisco, California; Seattle, Washington; Miami, Florida; and San Juan, Puerto Rico. Employment site preference(s) should be indicated on the student's resume. Selected students will be responsible for costs incurred should they relocate to participate in the program.

If you have any questions about the summer program, please contact Marla Lazarus at [Marla.Lazarus@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:Marla.Lazarus@cms.hhs.gov) or at 410-786-7817.

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